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SUBJECT: VISIT BY FARUQ AL-QADDUMI

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1. PLO DELEGATION LED BY FARUQ AL-QADDUMI ARRIVED BULGARIA AUGUST 13 AND DEPARTED ON 14TH. VISIT WAS GIVEN LARGELY PERFUNCTORY COVERAGE BY PRESS AND TELEVISION. MAJOR MEETING WAS APPARENTLY THAT WITH SECRETARY OF BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE IVAN PRUMOV (PRIMARILY KNOWN AS AGRICULTURAL EXPERT) WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF BCP CC FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONLY THAT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WITH EMPHASIS ON MIDDLE EAST WAS DISCUSSED. AL-QADDUMI WAS MET AND SEEN-OFF AT AIRPORT BY MFA FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER ANDON TRAYKOV ALONG WITH ALGERIAN, UAR, AND SYRIAN AMBASSADORS AND IRAQUI CHARGE.

2. COMMENT: THIS VISIT CONTRASTS GREATLY WITH ONE MADE BY AL-QADDUMI IN APRIL THIS YEAR (REFTEL B). EARLIER VISIT WAS "OFFICIAL" AT INVITATION OF FONMIN MLADENOV AND WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE INCLUDING TEXT OF "ANNOUNCEMENT" AT CLOSE OF VISIT. AL-QADDUMI WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV. DIFFERENCE THIS TIME MAY BE EXPLAINED AT LEAST IN PART BY "UN-OFFICIAL" NATURE OF VISIT AND FACT THAT ZHIVKOV AND OTHERS ARE OUT OF TOWN DURING VACATION SEASON. STILL, RECEPTION SEEMS RATHER COOL. WHETHER OR NOT THAT IS RELATED TO BULGARIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD PURPOSE OF VISIT (REFTEL A), EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO SAY.

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